

## CHAPTER 415

(Senate Bill 588)

AN ACT to add new Section ~~[[11(16)(A)]]~~ 11(16A) to Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Pensions," subtitle "In General," to follow immediately after Section 11(16) thereof, ~~[[and to be under the new subtitle "Pensions and Withholding Therefrom," to provide for an optional deduction from a retirement annuity administered by the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland for the payment of medical insurance premiums or any part thereof.]]~~ to authorize the State Employees' Retirement System to pay medical insurance premiums for retired local government employees, and to provide for the sources and manner of this payment.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section ~~[[11(16)(A)]]~~ 11(16A) be and it is hereby added to Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Pensions," subtitle "In General," to follow immediately after Section 11(16) thereof, ~~[[and to be under the new subtitle "Pensions and Withholding Therefrom,"]]~~ to read as follows:

~~[[PENSIONS AND WITHHOLDING THEREFROM]]~~

11.

~~[[16)(A)]]~~ (16A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN THIS ARTICLE, ANY PERSON WHO RECEIVES HIS RETIREMENT ANNUITY THROUGH THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND MAY ELECT TO HAVE THE PREMIUM OR ANY PART THEREOF, FOR LOCALLY APPROVED MEDICAL INSURANCE PARTICIPATED IN BY THE CITY OF BALTIMORE OR ANY OF COUNTIES, DEDUCTED FROM HIS ANNUITY BY THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND RETURNED TO THE APPROPRIATE JURISDICTION FOR PAYMENT ON HIS BEHALF TO THE CARRIER SO APPROVED. HOWEVER, NEITHER THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND OR INSTRUMENTALITY SHALL BE OTHERWISE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF ANY PART OF THE PREMIUM FOR THE ABOVE-MENTIONED MEDICAL INSURANCE APPROVED BY THE CITY OF BALTIMORE OR ANY OF THE COUNTIES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 21, 1973.

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